कृषि आदानों अर्थात् उर्वरकों, बीजों और कीटनाशी दवाओं की खरीद तथा वितरण के लिए खरीफ तथा रबी मौसमों के वास्ते पृथक-पृथक अल्पावधि ऋण प्रदान किए जाते हैं।

(ख) एक विवरण संलग्न है। [देखिए परिशिष्ट 147, अनुपत्र संख्या 93]

(ग) धनराशि की कमी के कारण सारी मांग पूरी करना सम्भव नहीं था।

Approval of Television Serials

2267. SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of proposals of Television Serials are pending with the Doordarshan for review;

(b) if so, the names of proposals which are yet to be reviewed by the Review Committee; and

(c) by when all these proposals are likely to be reviewed?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) No proposal for approval of Serials is pending with doordarshan. However, a few appeal cases for review are pending.

(b) Pending appeal cases for review are the following:

(i) Telefun

(ii) Kuch Khoya Kuch Paya

(iii) Tara Ki Duniya

(iv) Vasudeva

(v) Letters from Father to Daughter

(c) These cases will be reviewed by August end.

Increase in Number of Slum Dwellers

2268. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a constant increase in the number of slum dwellers in almost all the cities in the country;

(b) whether Government provide funds to civic bodies for slum clearance and if so, the amount provided to each of the State during the years 1986-87, 1987-88 and 1988-89; and

(c) what other remedial measures Government propose to take to check this trend?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) There is no agency at the Centre or the State level to conduct census of slum population on an all India basis. It is, however, recognised that with the growth of urbanisation there is a tendency of increase in slum population.

(b) The present policy of the Government emphasises on environmental improvement of slums in situ rather than their clearance and relocation. Basic amenities are provided in urban slums under the State sector scheme of EIUS. Appropriate projects are formulated and implemented by the State Governments in accordance with their needs and priorities and funds are provided in the State plans.

(c) Apart from the curative steps like the scheme of EIUS, slum upgradation programmes in various cities under the World Bank assisted projects, provision of special grant of Rs. 100-00 crores to the Government of Maharashtra for tackling the acute housing and slum problems in Bombay, the Government envisages to check the rate of growth of slums also As a preventive step the centrally sponsored scheme of IDSMT envisages

to develop small and medium towns so that they can act as counter magnets and reduce the migrations to the major cities.

Strengthening of Public Distribution system in States and Union Territories

2269. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to strengthen public distribution system in States and Union Territories during the Seventh Five Year Plan, particularly in States affected by drought or flood;

(b) if so, steps taken to increase the number of Fair Price Shops and ensure adequate provisions of essential commodities in States;

(c) whether consumer cooperatives have also been involved in the process; if so, the nature of involvement in detail; and

(d) how far their involvement has helped the public, Government, as well as the States/Union Territories?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI D. L. BAITHA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Central Government has assumed responsibility for procurement and supply of seven essential commodities, namely, rice, wheat, levy sugar, imported edible oils, kerosene, soft coke and controlled cloth through the Public Distribution system. The responsibility for distribution of these items through the network of fair price shops vests with the State Governments/UT Administrations. With a view to ensuring that these items are brought within the reach of the common man, States/UTs have been advised from time to time to men more fair price shops. It has also been suggested to States/UTs to introduce mobile vans to cover the hilly, remote, far-flung, desert tribal and inaccessible areas. Accordingly, there are about 3.47 lakh fair price shops in the country. Since August, 1987, 7736 additional FPS have been opened in drought/flood affected areas and 357 mobile vans were introduced for selling essential commodities to the people in these areas.

(c) and (d) All State Governments/UTs have been advised to give preference to Consumer Cooperatives for opening fair price shops. About 28 per cent of the fair price shops in the country are run by the cooperatives. Central Government also provides financial assistance through the State Governments to consumer cooperative societies for setting up of new retail outlets for distribution of consumer goods. In the rural areas the primary agricultural credit societies are provided financial assistance under a Centrly Sponsored Scheme for undertaking the distribution of essential consumer goods.

Gap Between Estimated and Actual Production and Procurement of Wheat and Rice

2270. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that there was a huge gap between the estimated and actual production and procurement of wheat and rice during the Sixth and Seventh Five Year Plans till date and the targets fixed were not achieved;

(b) if so, to what extent the targets were achieved and the reasons for shortfall, if any; and

(c) the remedial steps Government propose to take to prevent such shortfalls in future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): a) and (b) The table below gives the targets and estimates of production of wheat and rice as at the end of the